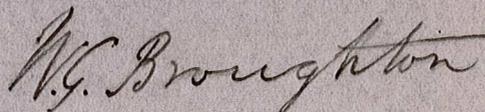Hartley Wespall, February 6, 1825

My dear Sir,

  The very handsome and flattering manner in
which you are so good as to offer the Curacy of Brighton
to my acceptance demands from me the sincerest acknow-
ledgment. I cannot better show my sense of its import-
ance than by desiring to have a short time allowed me
for weighing your proposal in my own mind, and for con-
sulting with some of my friends on whose better judgment
and greater experience I am accustomed to rely. If
therefore you can without inconvenience afford me until
this day week for the purposes here stated, I promise by
that time to send you my decisive reply. The chief ob-
jection which strikes me, on the short consideration
which I have been able to give to the subject, is the
want of a house. To be able to accommodate as many
pupils as I do here, I should require a house containing
three sitting rooms, and seven or eight bed chambers;
besides lodging for servants. It is scarcely to be ex-
pected that such a house could be hired in Brighton ex-
cepting at an expense which would reduce the stipend,
however handsome in itself, to almost nothing. This at
least is the impression on my mind, and I am in the habit
of considering Brighton an expensive place of residence.
I confess at the same time that I know but little of it;
and should be greatly indebted to you for any information
upon the subject; especially as to the matter of house
rent. If I were to close with the proposal, it would
not be in my power to enter upon the duties of the cure
before the month of August; but I believe I am correct
in supposing that you would be able to make a temporary
arrangement until that period arrives. Mrs Broughton
begs to unite in compliments to Mrs Wagner with my dear
Sir,

   Yours very faithfully

    W.G. Broughton

To
 The Reverend H. M. Wagner,
  Oxford.

  The original of the above Letter formed an item in
a collection made by Henry Wagner, son of Rev. H.M. Wagner,
and grandson of Joshua Watson. Henry Wagner appears to
have been chaplain to the Baroness Burdett-Coutts.